

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 30, 2004, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Rejection over Miyashita

Claims 1-2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Miyashita. Applicants traverse.

The present application claims priority to Japanese application No. 2000-185152, whose application date is June 20, 2000. Miyashita et al. was presented at an academic meeting in December 2000. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-2 over Miyashita et al. can be overcome by filing an English translation of the basic application (JP2000-185152) of the present application. Applicants attach an English translation. Applicants submit the rejection over Miyashita has been overcome.

Rejection over Cronin

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Cronin. Applicants traverse. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 2. Applicants submit claim 1 and dependent claim 3 are now allowable over Cronin.

Rejection over Kao et al.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Kao et al. Applicants traverse. As set forth above, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the recitations of claim 2. Applicants submit claim 1 is now allowable over Kao et al.

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It is believed that no fee above the extension of time fee is required for this submission. If any fees are required or if an overpayment is made, the Commissioner is authorized to debit or credit our Deposit Account No. 19-0733 accordingly. No additional claim fees are believed due. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to debit our deposit account no. 19-0733.

Respectfully Submitted,

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